



# STONE CANYON

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## YARD OF THE MONTH

*by Joanie Brown and Amelia Dansby*

Congratulations to our August winners!

**1st Place...**18113 Whitewater Cove (\$50 Home Depot Gift Card)

**2nd Place...**8710 Sea Ash Circle (\$25 Home Depot Gift Card)

**3rd Place...**9003 Sunburst Terrace (\$15 Home Depot Gift Card)

**Honorable Mention:** 8105 Broken Branch; 8204 Broken Branch; 7205 W. Magic Mountain Ln; 8318 Fern bluff Ave; 7120 Black Rock Bend

Next month's newsletter will list our final Yard of Month winners in this year's cycle.

Reminder: Members of our YOM Committee will be out and about for Stone Canyon's annual Holiday Lights and Decorations recognition—voting will take place, beginning Friday evening, December 14th, ending on Thursday evening, December 20th. Though no money is awarded, Special Recognition yard signs will be delivered to the winning homeowners before Christmas Eve. Of one thing you can be sure--Decorations get better each year! So whether you choose to decorate your own home or not, do take a drive throughout Stone Canyon after dark so you and your family can enjoy the variety of decoration

## EXTERIOR HOLIDAY LIGHTS/ DECORATIONS REMINDER

Stone Canyon's Deed Restrictions require that all exterior holiday lights and decorations must be removed within 30 days after the specific holiday has ended (i.e. Halloween, Thanksgiving). Note that Christmas decorations may not be displayed prior to November 15th, and must be removed no later than January 24th.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

*by Joanie Brown*

As most of you are aware, auto break-ins continue to be an issue. Even more concerning are several recent home break-ins/burglaries on Sea Ash Circle. Williamson County Sheriff's Dept stresses:

- Autos: Preferably, keep vehicles parked in locked garage. When parked outside, keep doors and windows locked, car alarm "on" and all articles out of site.
- Homes: Keep home and garage doors/windows locked, especially at night. Remember to lock door leading from garage into home. Set your house alarm; if you don't have an alarm installed, seriously consider one and have it monitored.
- Doggy Doors: Keep them secured, especially when away from home or in for the night. Most of these doors are large enough for a small person to work their way into your home.
- Street Parking: Several citations/tickets have been served in to residents/visitors in our community for parking autos facing oncoming traffic. When parking on the street, ensure you park in the direction of the ongoing traffic pattern.

We still need Neighborhood Watch coverage for following streets:

- Part of West Magic Mountain and Herb Cove
- Part of Wildwater Way
- Lake Pines
- Alwin
- Cloud Peak and Cove
- Box Canyon Terrace
- Niagara Falls
- Laughing Water
- Rosebud Place
- Portion of Fern Bluff Ave between west and east ends of Sea Ash
- Full Moon Trail and Cove
- Cool Canyon
- Two Jacks Trail If you can help out by covering any of these areas, please let me know.

The Bottom Line: "Word of mouth" among our residents has proven to be the fastest and most effective means of bringing attention to and sharing information about what's going on. Our

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..... 211 Commerce Cove, Round Rock, TX 78664

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Neighborhood Watch network is THE major weapon we can use against anyone who threatens our community. It's our way of staying aware and keeping our neighborhood the safe place we want and need it to be for each other and our families.

Important reminder: In the event of an emergency, home or auto burglary, any suspicious persons or activity, first and foremost consider your own safety; don't confront unless you have to. DO call police. Even if a suspected perpetrator is gone, it's necessary to file a police report. If possible, please notify your Block Captain and your neighbors so the word can be passed through our Neighborhood Watch network.

Thank you.

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## HALLOWEEN TIPS

**PORCH LIGHTS** - a porch light on means fair game for Trick-Or-Treating. If you are not distributing candy or are done for the evening, please turn your lights off. And Trick-Or-Treaters...if you see a porch light off, be respectful and move on to the next illuminated house.

**HELLO?** - Knock or ring the bell no more than twice. If the door isn't answered within a minute despite the porch light being on, assume you've gotten one of those folks who didn't read Tip 1.

**FRIGHTENING LIMITS** - If you are the person who wants to jump out of the coffin tucked in the corner of your front porch, please make sure that the age of the 'victim' is appropriate. While pee will wash off concrete, you might ruin the night for a dressed up 2 year-old princess.

**WALKING** - Stay on sidewalks or pathways. Don't take short cuts through lawns or flowerbeds.

Manners matter - Saying "Trick-or-Treat" before and "Thank You" afterward is a small price for collecting free candy on Halloween.

**GAME OVER** - Don't Trick-or-Treat after 9pm. Families with children or older people may well be in bed after that.

**TRAFFICKING** - Vehicles: drive extra slow and look for kids. Chaperones/Kids: Stay off roads as much as possible.

**BLINDED BY THE LIGHT** - Glow sticks, reflectors, flashlights - all are good to make your kids visible to anyone who fails at Tip 6.

**FLAME OFF!!** - Jack-o-lanterns/candles set a spooky mood, but open flames near dangling costume sleeves and flammable accessories is dangerous. Consider battery-powered tea lights.

**THANKS...** - If you're going to give out goodies to Trick-or-Treaters, buy individually wrapped treats. Save special homemade goodies and fresh fruit as presents for the folks you know rather than strangers who are coming to your door Trick-or-Treating.

**R-E-S-P-E-C-T** - Not everyone celebrates the holiday, or celebrates it in the same way you do. We live in a community with diverse beliefs and views. Please show respect as you yourself would want to be respected.

**DON'T SCARE THE LITTLE ONES TOO BADLY!** - If you've got a really creepy costume to answer the door, or you decorate your house from sidewalk to front porch in graveyard chic - remember that what can be delightfully frightening to older kids and adults can terrify toddlers and young kids. Before jumping out of bushes, screaming when you open doors or leaping out of fake coffins at Trick-or-Treaters, take a quick glance to make sure they're of an appropriate age-group to enjoy such a scare. Save the best frights for those who can really appreciate them. You'll have more fun, and the parents of the little kids will be grateful. Having to take home a hysterical Trick-or-Treater who has been scared witless on their first time out is no fun for anyone.

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## Bullying: What To Watch *Helping Parents Understand the Signs*

Has your child suddenly had declining grades or unexplained injuries? Have they purposely been trying to avoid school? They could be the victims of bullying.

“Bullying is a widespread problem among children, especially teenagers,” says Beth Nauert, M.D., a Texas pediatrician. “Bullying should always be taken very seriously by parents, educators, and the authorities.”

### **BULLYING SIGNS**

Children who are bullied are repeatedly exposed to aggressive, negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and have difficulty defending themselves, says Dr. Nauert.

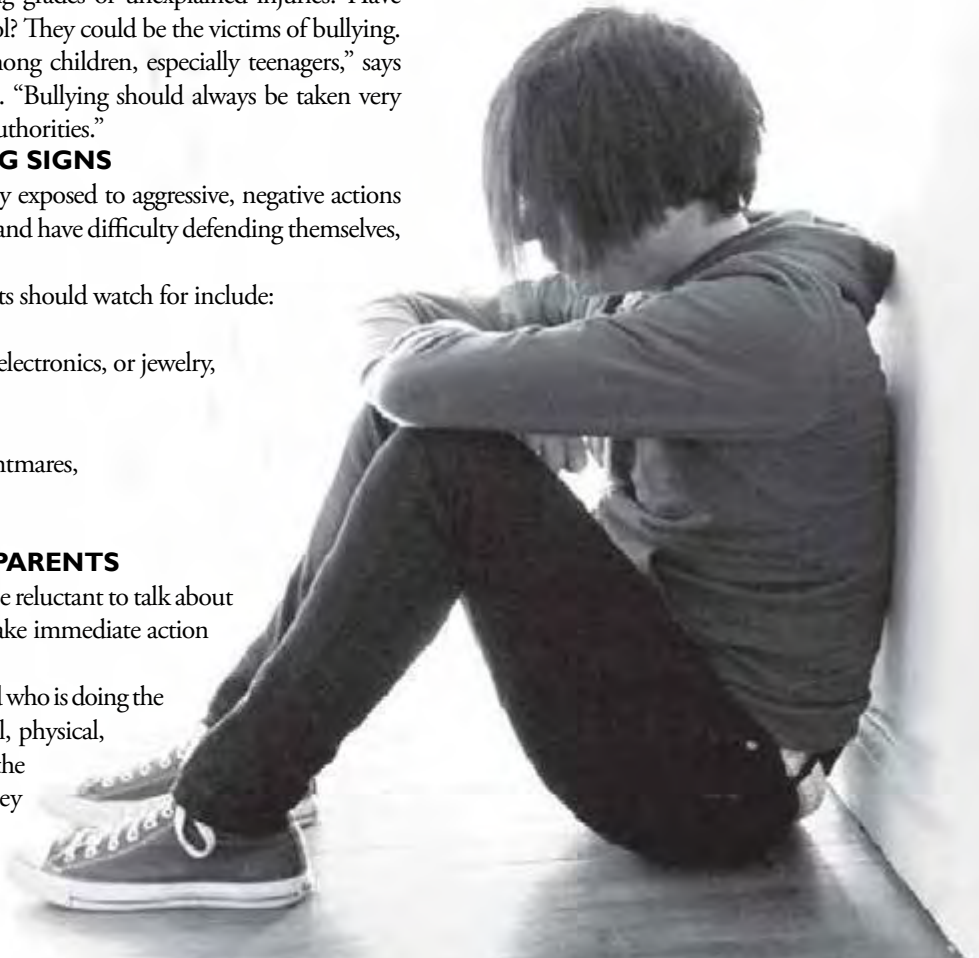
Some clear signs of bullying that parents should watch for include:

- unexplainable injuries,
- lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry,
- feeling sick or faking illness,
- changes in eating habit,
- difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares,
- not wanting to go to school,
- running away from home.

### **ACTION PLAN FOR PARENTS**

Because children who are bullied may be reluctant to talk about it, parents who suspect bullying should take immediate action to help their children, says Dr. Nauert.

“Parents need to find out from their child who is doing the bullying, whether the bullying was verbal, physical, or cyberbullying, and where and when the bullying is happening,” she says. “They should then speak with their teacher, principal, school administrators, or local law enforcement.”



*October is National Bullying Prevention Month*

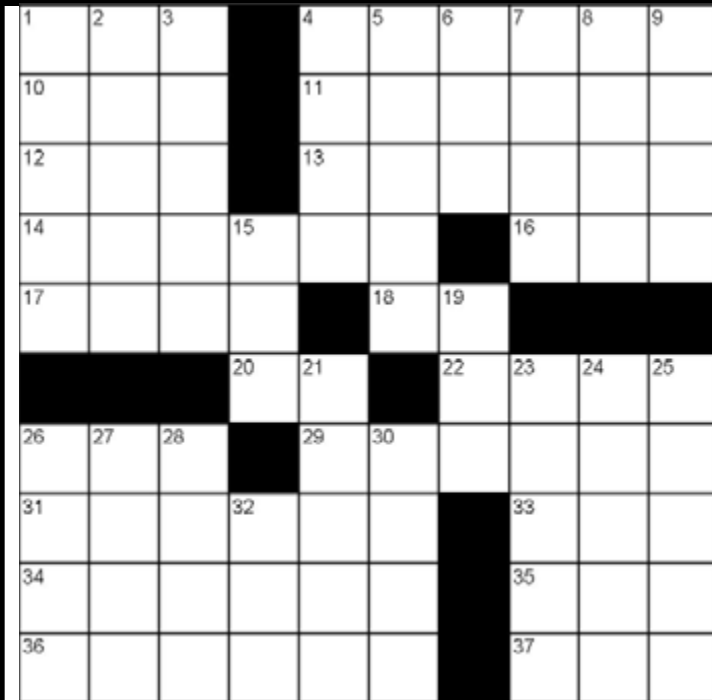
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12. Wing
13. Animal disease
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16. Eastern Time
17. Region
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20. Deutschmark (abbr.)
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26. Slumber
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